

House Resolution 2087

By: Representative Reece of the 11th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 170th anniversary of Sardis Presbyterian Church; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, throughout its 170 years of existence, Sardis Presbyterian Church in Coosa,
4 Georgia, has been a focal point of its community and continues to be one of North Georgia's
5 most beloved historical treasures; and

6 WHEREAS, Sardis Presbyterian Church was organized in 1836, with the Reverend John
7 Warnock serving as its first minister and James Hartt and John J. Walker elected as Elders;
8 its founding members consisted of the Hartt, Cathey, Dickson, Walker, and Weathers
9 families; and

10 WHEREAS, a written account of the church's early years refers to the first church building
11 as "the house," a log structure that contained some simple pews; and

12 WHEREAS, the current church building was constructed in 1855; and

13 WHEREAS, during the Civil War, several of the congregation's young men enlisted in the
14 army, including the "Sardis volunteers" who organized on church property and became a part
15 of the 6th Georgia Cavalry; there are 16 known confederate soldiers buried in the church's
16 cemetery; and

17 WHEREAS, a Sunday school was organized at the church in 1875, and in 1877, church
18 membership reached a high of 173; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1979, Sardis Presbyterian Church officially dissolved as an active
20 congregation, but the church still hosts services twice a year on the first Sunday in May and
21 the first Sunday in October; and

1 WHEREAS, the Sardis Preservation Society was founded on the first Sunday in May, 1990,
2 as an organization dedicated to protecting this cherished church for generations to come.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body join in commemorating the 170th anniversary of Sardis
5 Presbyterian Church and in celebrating its rich and vibrant history.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Sardis Preservation
8 Society.